



Summer Fun @ Your Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries



Happy Summer!

It is time for **Summer Reading** at your 37 Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries! We are proud to offer hundreds of enriching onsite and virtual programs because learning should not have to end with the school year! National research shows that children who continue reading during the summer months enhance their reading skills, prevent learning loss (summer slide) and go back to school better prepared for a successful academic year.

From new books to the classics, reading challenges, concerts, games, movies, nature programs, prizes, WiFi, and more – **there is always something great to read and fun activity happening at your Library.**

Dive into Summer Reading excitement here: <https://bit.ly/3zZAYTZ>



Online Summer Reading Challenge for Children, Teens & Adults

It's easy for everyone to participate! Find a book or ask your friendly Library staff for a recommendation. Read it, write and submit your review, and you will be eligible to win fantastic prizes including a Kindle Fire HD, Nintendo Switch Lite, LEGO building set, Magna-Tiles and more! Learn more:

<https://becplny08.readsquared.com/>



Downloads & Streaming

Looking for something to read at the beach or at the park?

You can now borrow full-color magazines in addition to eBooks and eAudiobooks from Overdrive and Libby. And, the Library's hoopla® service has 24/7 streaming of movies, music albums, TV shows and more! Details here: www.buffalolib.org/downloadsstreaming.



Youth Sports Equipment Kits

Kid-size soccer, lacrosse, badminton, tennis and basketball kits are available at select libraries. Perfect for outdoor play! Plus, any charges on a child's library card will be removed when they borrow and return a sports kit. See participating libraries here: www.buffalolib.org/kids/play-down-your-fines. Sponsored by the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation.



Virtual Battle of the Books Teen Reading Competition

The exciting teen trivia and reading competition is back for students entering grades 6-9. It's happening July 26 to August 1. Call your library to see if they are hosting a Battle team – you'll have fun meeting new friends and reading great books! Details here: www.buffalolib.org/books-movies-music/battle-books.



Take & Make Craft Kits

Everyone is creative! Several Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries offer a variety of craft and DIY (Do-It-Yourself) kits. Get yours and assemble it in the Library or at home! Explore the offerings: <https://bit.ly/3OomJ5Q>.



Stay Cool with the Library at the Buffalo Waterfront @ Canalside Beginning June 28

Join us Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. for *Storytime at Canalside*, in partnership with *Every Person Influences Children* (EPIC). Space is limited. Register here:

<https://tinyurl.com/5338pkdn>

Also, on Thursdays, June 29 – August 31, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join the Library's Launch Pad MakerSpace for tech demonstrations and take & make craft bags



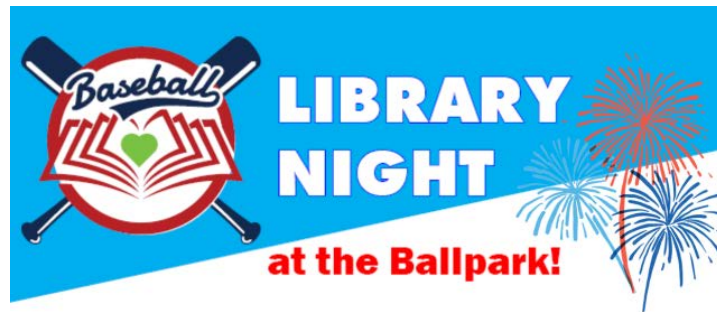
V.I.P. Library Card Partnership Program

Show your Buffalo & Erie County Public Library card for discounts and perks to area destinations and merchants including museums, theaters and more! See the full list of participating partners: <https://tinyurl.com/Perks2023>.



Libraries on the Go!

The *Library on Wheels* bookmobile and *Library2GO* van are hitting the road this summer. Just like a regular library, you can borrow and return materials! See the schedule here: <https://www.buffalolib.org/mobile-services/upcoming-schedules>.



Library Night at the Ballpark

Cheer on the Buffalo Bisons as they take on the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders on Friday, July 28 at 7:05 p.m. with fireworks to follow! Tickets are in Section 116 and are \$15 each. To purchase tickets, visit: <https://ways2give.buffalolib.org/bisons>. Proceeds benefit Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries.



Give 716

Give 716 is a fundraising partnership with the Buffalo Bills Foundation and the Buffalo Sabres Foundation and local not-for-profit organizations – including the Library System. Tax-deductible donations in any amount can be made to the Library beginning on Sunday, July 16 at 7:16 p.m. through Tuesday, July 18 at 7:16 a.m. Learn more

here: <https://give716.org/give/give716/give716/2023/charities/buffalo-and-erie-county-public-library-co>



We want to hear from you!

This fall, Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries will unveil a new, limited edition library card as part of a national campaign designed to empower readers to stand together in the fight against book bans and censorship.

Please help us to select **one** design for a new library card to add to our existing library card designs. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HXHLY2X>.

Learn more about book bans here: <https://uniteagainstbookbans.org/>.



Keep cool all summer long with these free library programs and classes:

Library hours: <https://www.buffalolib.org/hours/otd.php>

Summer Reading fun for all ages: <https://tinyurl.com/46zjzp2d>

Teen programming: <https://tinyurl.com/5n6ej7hr>

All upcoming programs: <https://bit.ly/3y1jPwX>

Downtown Central Library summer programs: <https://tinyurl.com/9duzkj25>

Health & Wellness programs: <https://bit.ly/3boeMim>

Book sales: <https://bit.ly/3OSzANH>

Genealogy programs: <https://tinyurl.com/ResearchFamily>

Storytimes: <https://tinyurl.com/LibStorytimes>

Technology classes and trainings: <https://tinyurl.com/5c3kad89>

Book Club discussions: <https://bit.ly/39WJwXp>

Exhibits and displays: <https://tinyurl.com/2edukhek>

Digital exhibits and displays: <https://tinyurl.com/4r3c68n8>

Borrow a CPR training kit from your library: <https://tinyurl.com/LibCPRkit>

Books on social justice: <https://tinyurl.com/PeaceLibrary>

College & career resources: <https://tinyurl.com/EducJob>

Email questions to: askus@buffalolib.org

Library System website: www.BuffaloLib.org

Questions call: 716-858-8900

Have a safe summer filled with good books and good fun!

We hope to see you at the Library!

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